


THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF TAITA TAVETA



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TAITA TAVETA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

SECOND ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

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A REPORT ON REVIEW OF THE TAITA TAVETA COUNTY FIRST  
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL  
YEAR 2020/2021

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DECEMBER, 15<sup>TH</sup> 2020

INTRODUCTION

**Mr. Speaker, Sir,** The Second Supplementary Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2019/2020 were received in the Office of the clerk on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 and laid on the table of the House on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2020, during the Afternoon Sitting, No. 120.

The Supplementary Budget Estimates were then committed to the Budget, Finance and Appropriations Committee for review and subsequent recommendations to the House.

The Committee resolved to proceed for review of the First Supplementary Budget Estimates on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 at Sagala Lodge

### **COMMITTEES' MEMBERSHIP**

The committee as currently constituted comprises of the following members:-

1. Hon. Godwin Kilele –Chairperson
2. Hon. Rose Shingira- Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Jones Maskuji- Member
4. Hon. Harris Keke - Member
5. Hon. Paul Waweru- Member
6. Hon. Godfrey Mwambi- Member
7. Hon. Justin Juma – Member
8. Hon. Abraham Juma – Member
9. Hon. Newton Kifuso – Member
10. Hon. Frank Mmare – Member
11. Hon. Crispus Tondoo – Member
12. Hon. Constance Mwandawiro – Member
13. Hon. Lillian Kidali – Member
14. Hon. Beatrice Manga – Member
15. Hon. Joyce Mwangoji – Member

### **COMMITTEE'S MANDATE**

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order number 187,

- (1) There shall be a select Committee to be known as the County Budget and Appropriations Committee.
- (2) The Committee shall consist of a chairperson, and not more than eight other Members.
- (3) The functions of the Committee shall be to-

- (a) Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the of the county budget,
  - (b) Discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the County Assembly;
  - (c) Examine the County Budget Policy Statement presented to the County Assembly;
  - (d) Examine Bills related to the national budget, including Appropriations Bills;  
And
  - (e) Evaluate tax estimates, economic and budgetary policies and programmes with direct budget outlays.
- (4) The County Budget and Appropriations Committee constituted by the County Assembly immediately following the general election shall serve for a period of three calendar years and that constituted thereafter shall serve for the remainder of the County Assembly term.<sup>79</sup>
- (5) Five members of the Budget Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- (6) The Committee shall invite chairpersons of all Sectoral Committees to make Presentations during the consideration

## **2020/2021 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES GENERAL OBSERVATIONS**

1. The total first supplementary budget estimates is Kshs. 6,084,729,123 comprising of Kshs. 4,097,714,899 recurrent expenditure and Kshs. 1,987,014,224 development expenditure. This is an increase of Kshs. 304,059,600 up from the June approved estimates of Kshs. 5,780,669,523. This increment has been occasioned by a balance B/F 2019/2020 of Kshs. 364,734,600, NHIF Refunds of Kshs. 63,000,000 and COVID – 19 Health workers allowances of Kshs. 34,575,000. However, the county allocation from the national government has reduced significantly by Kshs. 158,250,000 after the approval of the County Allocation of Revenue Bill, 2020.
2. The total recurrent expenditure is Kshs. 4,097,714,899 representing 67.3% of the total budget and development expenditure is Kshs. 1,987,014,224 representing 32.7% of the total budget and therefore meets the requirements of PFM Act 2012.

3. The total county wage bill is Kshs. 2,731,973,325 representing 45% of the total county revenue/budget. This has surpassed the requirements of the PFM Act, 2012 which states that not more than 35% of the total county revenue shall be used for payment of salaries.
4. The total amount allocated for ward projects is Kshs. 600,600,000 where each ward has a total allocation of not less than Kshs. 29,650,000. The remainder of Kshs. 1,386,414,224 has been allocated to countywide, flagship, development partners and national governments' conditional grants projects.
5. The total supplementary change in the first supplementary budget is Kshs. 304,059,600 comprising of Kshs. 284,461,374 recurrent changes and Kshs. 19,598,226 development changes.
6. Allocations for funding from development partners and conditional grants from the national government have not changed.
7. The County Assembly recurrent expenditure has been increased by Kshs. 57,775,000 to Kshs. 658,775,000. However, the development expenditure has been reduced by Kshs. 15,000,000 to Kshs. 37,000,000.
8. County pending bills have been allocated an additional Kshs. 30,000,000 for development expenditure, giving a total pending bill of Kshs. 150,683,953 for both recurrent and development expenditure.
9. The recurrent expenditure of the department for devolution, public service and administration has been increased by Kshs. 287,575,000 to Kshs. 2,427,507,697.04. This amount will be used in payment of salaries and allowances of staff. The other department that has seen significant increment is the county treasury headquarters with an increase of Kshs. 32,500,000 to Kshs. 165,629,768.
10. An amount of Kshs. 40,000,000 has been allocated to the department of roads and transport development expenditure for countywide roads rehabilitation programme as agreed during the approval of the 2020/2021 budget estimates. This therefore means that each ward will get an equal share of Kshs. 2,000,000 each for road rehabilitation during rainy seasons. There is also allocated an additional Kshs. 5,000,000 for purchase of 3 tipper trucks and low bed trailer in the same department.
11. Some departments have however had their budgets reduced significantly, for example the health department which has had a reduction of kshs.28, 477,109, water, environment and sanitation, Kshs. 9,413,500 and education fund, Kshs. 8,535,000 in the recurrent expenditure.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The County Assembly Development expenditure of kshs.15,000,000 initially deducted should be reinstated so that development budget remains Kshs. 52,000,000. The Kshs. 15, 000,000 be deducted from County Assembly recurrent expenditure and further the recurrent expenditure be enhanced by Kshs. 4,000,000 to give a total of Kshs 647, 775,000.
2. The County Treasury should put in place measures to tame the ballooning wage bill to the required 35% of all county revenues.
3. Ward development projects should have a total allocation of not less than Kshs 31,650,000 comprising of bursary (5m), ward projects (21.65m) and fuel levy (5m).
4. The county local revenue projection be increased by Kshs. 7,000,000 to Kshs. 370,000,000. Out of this, Kshs. 5,000,000 should be used for the purchase of a pickup (double cab) for revenue department and Kshs. 2,000,000 for rehabilitation of markets countywide.
5. Further details should be provided on the pending bills paid so far and those to be paid relating to the total allocation of pending bills of Kshs 150,683,953
6. Clarification should be made on the balance brought forward for bursaries from last financial year.
7. DATU SAWAZISHA fund should not have any allocation as it is not operational

## CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

It is therefore my pleasure, duty and privilege, on behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee to Table this report and recommend it for adoption by the House.

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Signed.....

Date.....15/12/2020.....

Hon. Godwin Kilele, MCA and Chairperson

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